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6. A method of constructing a cochlear electrode array for implantation into a cochlea of the patient as part of a cochlear implant system, the method including:

positioning the electrodes along the electrode array in a location or locations that will enable stimulation of the desired site of the cochlea when the electrode array has been inserted.

7. A method according to claim 6 wherein the step of positioning the electrodes includes positioning the electrodes such that the spacing between adjacent electrodes is less at the apical end of the electrode array than at the basilar end.

8. A method according to claim 6 wherein the step of positioning the electrodes including positioning the electrodes such that the spacing between adjacent electrodes differs in differing regions along the electrode array.

9. A method according to claim 6 or 7 wherein the step of positioning the electrodes including positioning the electrodes such that the spacing between consecutive electrodes is uniformly graduated.

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